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TOPIC Brand Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brand airfield between 16 April and 11 May 1953:

16 April. Two Il-28s  took off from the field. The latter plane towed a sleeve target which was fired at twice by the former plane. Throughout the day, there was intensive air activity, the individual planes remaining aloft for about 40 minutes. The following groups of jet bombers, which were about 15 meters apart, were observed on the southern taxiway from east to west: 10, 10, 6, 10 and 4.

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17 to 19 April. There was no air activity although the weather was favorable.

20 April. Two Il-28s  took off at 8 a.m. The latter plane towed a sleeve target which was fired at. The weather was clear and cold. After intensive day flying by individual planes, night flying started at 8 p.m. The aircraft which flew individually had red, green and white position lights at the left and right sides and the tail respectively. No airfield lights were switched on except for one lamp on either side of the runway.

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21 April. Throughout the day, there was intensive air activity by aircraft flying in elements of two. At first the planes flew in trails and later on side by side.

22 April. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., there was intensive air activity by planes flying individually, in elements of two and in flights. There were no clouds. Between 8 p.m. and about 2 a.m., night flying was practiced by aircraft which had the same position lights as on 20 April.

23 April and 4 May. There was no air activity although the weather was mostly favorable. On 29 April, jet bombers were parked in groups of 8, 7, 2, 6, and 13 on the southern taxiway. A single-engine plane was observed next to the last group.

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5 May. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., individual flights were made by jet bombers which remained aloft for about 40 minutes. Only a few planes were engaged in air activity. A total of 36 jet bombers were parked on the dispersal areas.

6 May. There was no air activity. There was a 9/10 overcast, dull and rainy weather.

7 May. After 8 a.m., about 10 individual flights of about 40 minutes were made. The weather was dull and rainy and the ceiling was at an altitude of about 100 meters.

8 May. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., there was intensive air activity. There was an 8/10 overcast at an altitude of 200 meters and rain.

10 May. No air activity was observed. There was an 8/10 overcast at about 300 meters and light snowfall.

11 May. Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., individual flights were made. Thirty-six jet bombers were observed on the southern taxiway.

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Comment. Brand airfield is believed to be still occupied by two bomber regiments which are equipped with a total of about 36 Il-28s. The aircraft numbers observed were reported previously.

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